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(HPRG) AS AN ANTIANGIOGENIC AND
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper responds to the Restriction/Election Requirement mailed 28 July 2004, the time for responding to which was August 28, 2004, which fell on a weekend. This response is therefore timely filed.

Due to its length, the restriction made by the Office will not be reiterated here. Applicant elects, with traverse, Group 1, which encompasses, according to the Action, claims 1, 5-6, 11-15 and 49 in part and claims 7-10, drawn to the human HPRG polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:5 and a sequence variant of SEQ ID NO:5, classified in class 530, subclass 350.

Applicants believe that it would be proper to rejoin, for initial examination, the following Group, the search of which would, in fact, not be burdensome. Applicants reasoning is provided below.

Group 2, drawn to the same claims as above, but including rabbit HPRG polypeptide (SEQ ID NO. 6), and a sequence variant of SEQ ID NO:6, classified in class 530, subclass 350.

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This sequence is highly homologous to SEQ ID NO:5, shares functional attributes, and, in fact, would fall within a reasonable definition of a "sequence variant" of SEQ ID NO:5. Hence, applicants believe it would be appropriate, and within the rules and practices of the Office, to examine claim 1, and the indicated dependent claims, for what is recited in parts (a), (b) and (c) of claim 1:

- (a) the histidine-proline-rich (H/P) domain of human histidine-proline rich glycoprotein (HPRG) (SEQ ID NO:5)
- (b) the H/P domain of human rabbit HPRG (SEQ ID NO:6)
- (c) a sequence variant of SEQ ID NO:5 or SEQ ID NO:6 having substantially the same biologic activity of inhibiting angiogenesis, endothelial cell proliferation or endothelial tube formation in an *in vitro* or *in vivo* bioassay.

As indicated in the Office's Restriction Analysis, dependent claim that would be examined under Applicants' present election of request of Group 1, with rejoinder of Group 2, would include:

Claim 5(a) in part : Polypeptide according to claim 1 (a), (b) and (c)

Claim 6 in part: (a) and (b)

Claim 7 in part: As it depends from claim 5(a)

Claims 7-10: As they depend from claim 5(a)

Claim 11 in part: Polypeptide according to claim 1 (a), (b) and (c)

Claim 12 in part: As it depends from claim 5(a)

Claims 13-15: As they depend from claims 11 and 12

Applicants understand that the following claims directed to embodiments other than polypeptides *per se* would be properly rejoined to the above claims upon identification of patentable subject matter:

Claims 23 and 24 Method of use of the polypeptides of the elected claims

Claims 33- 36 Nucleic acids/expression vectors encoding the polypeptides of the elected invention

Claims 41, 42, 45, 47, 48 Method of using the nucleic acids/expression vectors encoding the polypeptides of the elected invention

Rejoinder of claims to nucleic acids and method of their use would be proper because the angiogenesis inhibiting effects resulting from contacting or administration of the nucleic acid/expression vector are mediated by the expressed, encoded polypeptides, not by the administered nucleic acid itself.. The nucleic acids are, in effect, a form of "packaging" for the polypeptides in a

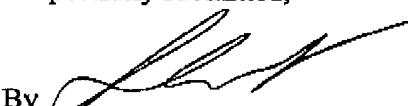
form that will ultimately result in the availability of the polypeptides; this may be considered functionally equivalent to a protective coating or packaging of the active ingredient. All these claims thus define a unified invention that underlies the polypeptides and nucleic acids and methods of their use.

CONCLUSIONS

Applicants have responded fully to the Restriction Requirement, have requested rejoinder of one group of claims to the elected group, and discussed subsequent rejoinder of claims under *In re Ochiai* and for other considerations. It is believed that the case is now in condition for examination and allowance.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911.

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